

HOME-American Rescue Plan Grant Allocation Plan



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Introduction:

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021 appropriated \$5 billion to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing rental housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The funds were allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for funding through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This particular one-time round of funding is called the “HOME-ARP” program.

In September 2021, HUD awarded Bergen County’s Division of Community Development (BCDCD) **\$10,376,279.00** in HOME-ARP funds.

Eligible activities that may be funded with HOME-ARP include:

- Preservation and Production of affordable housing
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Housing Related Supportive Services, Homeless Prevention Services, and Housing Counseling
- Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters (NCS)
- Non-Profit Operating and Capacity Building
- Administrative and Planning Costs

HUD issued guidance for the utilization of the HOME-ARP funds through CPD-Notice 21-10 on September 13, 2021, to ensure the funds are intended to benefit qualifying populations and be used for specific activities not necessarily generally permitted under the HOME Program. The following allocation plan follows the guidance provided by HUD in that notice.

Consultation:

By Section V. A of the Notice (page 13), before developing its HOME-ARP allocation plan, at a minimum, a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) must consult with the following:

- **Continuum of Care (CoC) serving the jurisdiction’s geographic area,**
- **homeless service providers,**
- **domestic violence service providers,**
- **veterans’ groups,**
- **public housing agencies (PHAs),**
- **public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and**
- **public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.**

State PJs are not required to consult with every PHA or CoC within the state’s boundaries; however, local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction.

Describe the consultation process, including methods used and dates of consultation:

To begin preparing the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, the County participated in all HUD HOME-ARP training and reviewed CPD Notice 21-10, “Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-ARP Program.” The training and notice outlined the requirement for the County to consult with proposed HOME-ARP partners to determine needs countywide and how to best serve eligible Qualified Populations (QPs).

Please note that the terms “the County” and “BCDCD” (Bergen County’s Division of Community Development) are used interchangeably throughout this Allocation Plan unless noted. The consultation process assisted the County with understanding the current barriers and gaps in the delivery systems that help QPs. HOME-ARP partners voiced their concerns about gaps in services and housing needs by providing written and verbal input and data. Engagement with proposed partners was integral to forming the County’s intent and potential scope for HOME-ARP funds.

An initial virtual meeting with the Continuum of Care (CoC) Committee was held on May 11, 2022, to present the HOME-ARP grant and its eligible activities. A follow-up survey (via Survey Monkey) was sent out to the CoC Committee on June 3, 2022, to solicit feedback on needs and gaps in shelters, housing, and services. E-mails were sent out to stakeholders on November 3, 2022, requesting and inviting organizations to provide data on their needs for shelter, housing, and services, along with feedback on how best to address these needs. Additionally, a PowerPoint presentation first presented to the Continuum of Care on May 11, 2022, explaining the grant and eligible activities, was sent to all stakeholders.

The County conducted consultation/focus group meetings via Microsoft Teams video conferences and telephone. These remote consultations made access and participation accessible for all stakeholders. In total, there were seven additional consultation meetings from the initial meeting with the CoC Committee:

Consultation Meetings	Date
Domestic Violence Service Providers	November 30, 2022
Veterans Service Providers	December 2, 2022
Fair Housing, Civil Rights, and the Needs of People with Disabilities	December 6, 2022
Relevant Public Agencies to Needs of Qualifying Populations	December 8, 2022
Public Housing Authorities	December 12, 2022
Builders of Affordable Housing	December 14, 2022
Continuum of Care & Formerly Homeless	January 6, 2023

Thirty-three organizations, including a number of service providers, affordable housing developers, public housing authorities, not-for-profit organizations, civil rights, and religious institutions that provide housing and supportive services for QPs as defined in the HOME-ARP notice across suburban and urban geographies were consulted.

BCDCD also requested and received client-specific data related to qualifying populations fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking from the Center for Hope and Safety (domestic violence service provider) and the Bergen County Alternatives to Domestic Violence.

Email reminders were sent to inform stakeholders about the importance of attending and engaging in allocation to underscore HOME-ARP allocation was the top priority for HOME-ARP partners. For the consultation process, BCDCD developed a PowerPoint presentation to inform partners of all relevant details concerning the HOME-ARP grant. This included HOME-ARP requirements, eligible activities, and the specific QPs. Transcripts from participant focus group meetings are attached to the supporting documents of this Allocation Plan, and summaries of the feedback received are found in the table below. BCDCD has and will continue to meet with HOME-ARP partners throughout the implementation of the HOME-ARP activities to assess the ongoing needs of the QPs. The County will also strive to collaborate with HOME-ARP partners to develop and implement strategies to help end chronic homelessness, and increase housing stability.

List of agencies/organizations consulted:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Bergen County Alternatives to Domestic Violence	Public agency serving the needs of QP 3, domestic violence service provider	Virtual meeting, In-person meeting, and email correspondence	Marisa Heluk provided specific data related to the QP and sought post-shelter services and follow-up case management. Ms. Heluk additionally recommended a housing navigator for the County.
Center for Hope and Safety Inc.	Nonprofit serving the needs of QP 3, domestic violence service provider, and emergency shelter	Virtual meetings and email correspondence	Julye Myner provided specific data related to the QP, sought funding for supportive services and recommended hiring 2 case managers to meet the increase in need. Also, Ms. Myner suggested exploring the idea of expanding their emergency shelter to non-congregate shelter units.
Bergen County Division of Veterans Services	Public agency serving the needs of QPs 1-4, Veterans service provider	Virtual meeting	Shaun Hutchinson suggested projects for affordable rental units, mental health services, and TBRA. Also recommended a housing navigator for the County.
SoldierOn	Nonprofit, serves homeless Veterans	Virtual meeting	Kelly McGuinness raised the need for more affordable rental units and additional supportive housing for

			elderly Veterans who do not qualify for nursing homes.
Bergen County Division of Disability Services	Public agency serving the needs of QP 1-4; addresses the needs of persons with disabilities	Virtual meeting	Anika Davis suggested the need for more TBRA.
Northeast NJ Legal Services	Nonprofit organization, Civil Rights and Fair Housing	Virtual meeting	Mallory Ware suggested legal services funding for QPs experiencing tenant evictions and shared data related to QPs contained in the legal services case management system.
Children's Aid and Family Services	Nonprofit service provider that addresses the needs of QPs 1,2,4	Virtual meeting	Melinda Iannarone raised the need to develop affordable, ADA-compliant housing for individuals with special needs.
Fair Housing Council	Nonprofit organization, Civil Rights and Fair Housing	Virtual meeting and email correspondence	Dave Whritenour raised the need for education services for tenants on their rights and suggested increased TBRA for security deposits.
Jewish Family and Children's Services of Northern New Jersey	Nonprofit service provider that addresses the needs of QPs 1,2,4	Virtual meeting and email correspondence	Amy Trevino provided specific data related to the QPs and suggested TBRA in the form of security deposits.
Collaborative Support Programs of N.J.	Nonprofit behavioral health service provider that addresses the needs of QPs 1,2,4	Virtual meeting	Robin Coley raised the need for a liaison position to help navigate and coordinate services from start to finish to avoid losing engagement with clients.
Advanced Housing: Making-It-Home Program	Nonprofit service provider that addresses the needs of QPs 1,2,4	Virtual meeting	Cynthia Massarsky sought increased supportive services funding for moving costs of furnishings.
Housing Authority of Bergen County	Public Housing Authority	Virtual meeting and email correspondence	Natalie Ramey explained that the greatest need in the County is affordable permanent housing. Even with housing vouchers, there needs to be more available units in the market as rent is currently above what QPs could pay. rent is currently above what QPs could pay. Ms. Ramey also suggested that having the grant allocated towards TBRA would house

			more clients who are in the at-risk of becoming homeless category and suggested a tenant/landlord liaison for at-risk and homeless clients. Vincent Bufis raised the need for increased mental health services for clients.
Edgewater Housing Authority and Cliffside Park Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority	Virtual meeting and email correspondence	Joseph Capano shared that clients cannot find affordable units based on fair market rents and suggested an increase in affordable rental housing units. Mr. Capano also raised an issue where landlords in Cliffside Park and Edgewater do not accept vouchers, despite clear guidelines about the rental voucher process.
Fort Lee Assistance and Support Housing (FLASH)	Public Housing Authority	Virtual meeting and email correspondence	Terrence Corriston raised the issue of using the funds as effectively as possible for as many people as possible and felt that a TBRA program would reach the most in need. Additionally, Mr. Corriston raised the need for educating clients on tenants' rights.
Lodi Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority	Virtual meeting and email correspondence	Gary Luna raised the need for more permanent affordable housing units and provided data on QPs.
Englewood Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority	Virtual meeting and email correspondence	Domingo Senande suggested that a TBRA program through the Housing Authority of Bergen County would be ideal and provided information on how Hurricane Ida has impacted a senior home, causing more clients to become at risk of homelessness.
Garfield Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority	Email correspondence	Margaret Fiore suggested that funds be primarily targeted toward supportive services, such as job outreach and training, affordable child care, and tutoring programs.
Hackensack Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority	Email correspondence	Anthony Feorenzo shared data and feedback on the housing needs of those at-risk of homelessness, noting that there is a severe shortage of affordable housing in the County.

			This is compounded by the high rent levels, which are unaffordable to families paying 30% of their annual income towards rent. These two factors, coupled with a low vacancy rate, make it nearly impossible for families to find affordable units.
Greater Bergen Community Action	CoC; builders of affordable housing	Virtual meeting	Alison DuBois raised the issue of creating affordable permanent housing for youth aging out of transitional housing that meets the requirements. Additionally, Ms. DuBois suggested rehabilitating single-family homes to rent out to qualifying seniors or 21-25-year-old youths.
Walters-Cornerstone Development	Builders of affordable housing	Virtual meetings and phone-call	Kevin Dowd provided pertinent information on his experience working on HOME-ARP projects throughout the state and offered advice on building permanent affordable housing using HOME-ARP funds.
Nouvelle LLC	Builders of affordable housing	Virtual meeting	Luciano Bruni shared his thoughts on mixing funding from other sources and information on the feasibility of building permanent affordable housing.
Women's Rights Information Center	CoC; service provider	Virtual meeting	Susan Bendes raised the need for more housing navigators to guide prospective tenants find housing and help guide them through the process. Education classes are needed for landlords that continue to turn down prospective tenants based on negative stereotypes associated with this demographic.
The Bright Side Family, Senior Housing and Supportive Care	CoC; service provider, geriatric	Virtual meeting	Elizabeth Davis shared that her organization is seeing an increase in the number of referrals from older adults for placement in affordable housing and the affordable assisted living community. Ms. Davis suggested rehabilitating existing structures to meet the need of a larger

			percentage of older adults becoming homeless in the coming years.
Bergen County Department of Human Services	CoC; public agency that addresses the needs of QPs 1-4	Virtual meeting and email correspondence	Sue Nottingham noted that funding for improving and increasing the capacity of existing shelters in the County is needed. Additionally, Ms. Nottingham shared Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data related to the QPs.
Family Promise of Bergen County	CoC; service provider, at-risk of homelessness working families	Virtual meeting	Kate Duggan explained that working families in the County that are at risk of homelessness have raised their credit, raised their income, and are still unable to find affordable units; thus, more permanent affordable housing is needed.
Center for Food Action	CoC; service provider, food security	Email correspondence	Joy Ingilizian stressed the need for more permanent affordable housing and services for those who cannot afford to pay for real estate fees, including application fees and security deposits.
Advance Housing	CoC; service provider, mental health	Virtual meeting	Grace Gawryluk offered several services that her organization provides that could be used for those who are at risk of homelessness outside of regular case management, such as housing stability case management, individualized therapy, job search help, etc.
Vantage Health Systems	CoC; service provider, mental health	Virtual meeting	Teri McMahon suggested prioritizing drug/alcohol free housing for those seeking this living arrangement.
Bergen County Board of Social Services	CoC; public agency that addresses the needs of QPs 1-4	Virtual meeting and email correspondence	Allan LaRobardier raised the need for more emergency shelters funded by the County. Mr. LaRobardier also shared data on the number of County households that received emergency housing assistance and emergency rent payments from the Bergen County Board of Social Services.

Paul Nickels	Formerly homeless and advocate for the homeless	Virtual meeting	Paul Nickels raised the need for more outreach services for the at-risk homeless population. Mr. Nickels added that outreach services do not currently exist for the at-risk demographic who do not need serious mental health services outreach. The at-risk of homelessness who have an addiction, or a traumatic brain injury do not qualify for the outreach service provided in the County. Additionally, Mr. Nickels raised the need for educating clients on tenants' rights.
Housing, Health & Human Services Center	CoC, County shelter	Virtual meeting	Julia Orlando stressed the need to develop permanent affordable housing for seniors and persons with developmental disabilities. Additionally, a program for educating tenants on their rights is needed in the County.
Christ Church Community Development Corporation	CoC; temporary shelter and supportive services	Virtual meeting	Mary Sunden stressed the need to develop permanent affordable housing units, especially for senior citizens who are increasingly at risk of homelessness in the County. Additional housing navigation aid is needed for the at-risk of homelessness demographic who do not qualify for assistance in searching for housing, and a gap exists for case management outside of pre-existing mental health conditions.
Bergen County's United Way	CoC; builders of affordable housing	Virtual meeting	Tom Toronto raised the need for more permanent affordable housing and pointed to a gap in funding to cover predevelopment expenses. There is a critical need for capital investment to build new affordable housing; dollars should be made available for pre-development soft costs/due diligence/acquisition and for hard cost construction.
Displaced Homemakers Network of Bergen County	Service provider that addresses the needs of QPs 1,2,4	Virtual meeting	Elease Wiggins, who was formerly homeless before working at her current organization, noted a gap in the NJ 211 phone outreach program

			number, where there is no collaboration or holistic approach in handling certain cases for people who do not qualify for case management. Additionally, Ms. Wiggins sought housing stability case management to be provided to QPs, and job training.
Deborah Murray	Formerly homeless and advocate	Virtual Meeting	Deborah Murray raised concern over the NJ 211 helpline, which has routinely given people the wrong information, and suggested that the number be updated with relevant information regularly.

Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:

Please see the specific agency feedback above.

The consultation meetings weighed heavily in the decision-making process around HOME-ARP. Homeless/at-risk of homelessness community-based organizations are able to articulate the needs of their clientele and are aware of gaps in the local service delivery system. Their input, including formerly homeless residents, were incredibly valuable to the creation of this Plan.

Stakeholders noted in the chart above who participated in the focus group evenly prioritized affordable rental housing development and the provision of supportive services as activities most needed to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability within the County. However, there was an additional need for TBRA, indicating the community feels there is a need for funding most eligible activities.

During the focus group meetings, many of the providers consulted advocated for services for a specific sub-population. Some providers advocated for the sub-population they work with directly, while others advocated for sub-populations where they saw a gap in services. A common thread throughout the consultation meetings was that HOME-ARP funds provide an opportunity for additional services that will help people exit homelessness.

There was consensus around the need for supportive services to assist with housing navigation and educating prospective and current tenants on their legal rights, as well as housing stability case management to help people post-move-in maintain their housing. Several stakeholders stressed the need for more outreach services, as only one organization with a limited supply of employees currently serves a County of almost one million. Outreach is needed for households and individuals after-hours, on weekends, and on holidays, and supportive services are also needed for those at risk of homelessness to enable them to remain housed.

Additional feedback received highlights the difficulty of housing clients with physical and mental disabilities, advocacy for additional shelter opportunities, addiction and mental health

support, and the need for additional rental housing for low and very low-income housing. Consultation with these entities focused on the community's needs and how the funds can best meet those needs within the structure of eligible activities.

Public Participation

By Section V. B of the Notice (page 13), PJs must provide for and encourage citizen participation in developing the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submission of the plan, PJs must provide residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan of no less than 15 calendar days. The PJ must follow its adopted requirements for “reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment” for plan amendments in its current citizen participation plan. In addition, PJs must hold at least one public hearing during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan and before submission.

PJs are required to make the following information available to the public:

- **The amount of HOME-ARP the PJ will receive, and**
- **The range of activities the PJ may undertake.**

Throughout the HOME-ARP allocation plan public participation process, the PJ must follow its applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements and procedures for effective communication, accessibility, and reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities and providing meaningful access to participation by limited English proficient (LEP) residents that are in its current citizen participation plan as required by 24 CFR 91.105 and 91.115.

Describe the public participation process, including information about and the dates of the public comment period and public hearing(s) held during the development of the plan:

- ***Dates of public notice:*** March 1, 2023 (*The Record, Korea Times, County website*); March 3, 2023 (*El Especialito*)
- ***Public comment period:*** start date – March 1, 2023, end date – March 20, 2023
- ***Date of public hearing:*** March 15, 2023

Describe the public participation process:

BCDCD released the allocation draft plan for public comment on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, for public comment ending on Monday, March 20, 2023. A public notice was published on *The Record, Korea Times, El Especialito*, and on the County's website. The public notice was published on March 1, 2023, on *The Record, Korea Times*, and the County website. *El Especialito* publishes every Friday, so the public notice was published on March 3, 2023. The draft Plan was posted on the County's website, and a paper copy of the draft Plan was available in our office at One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack.

Due to the “moderate” community risk level and recommendations around COVID-19, the public hearing was done via Microsoft Teams instead of public gatherings and social distancing protocols on March 15, 2023, to review the public notice and accept public comments on the plan. Comments could also be submitted in writing via e-mail and U.S. mail.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

Public outreach related to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan involved broad engagement with homeless/at-risk of homelessness community-based organizations, affordable housing developers, and local public agencies, including formerly homeless people and advocates for the homeless. The HOME-ARP allocation plan is posted on the County’s website and is accessible to persons with all disabilities, including auditory, cognitive, neurological, physical, speech, and visual. The accessibility features also benefit people without disabilities, such as mobile phone users who may not be able to access the plan using a desktop computer. Any persons from the public wishing to review or comment on the draft plan can review the plan at One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, which is accessible to all common transportation types.

In addition to English, Spanish and Korean are the most widely spoken languages in the County. To broaden public participation, the public notice of the public hearing was published and printed on *The Record*, *El Especialito*, and *Korea Times*, where the public notice was translated into Korean in the *Korea Times* and Spanish in *El Especialito*. The public hearing was held during the evening on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 5:30, accommodating those who work during the daytime.

Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process either in writing, or orally at a public hearing:

The County received one comment through the public participation process requesting funds be moved from supportive services and administration and planning to other activities such as TBRA.

Similar to the development of affordable housing and supportive services, TBRA was cited as a need through consultations, but there is ample funding for TBRA-related programs. Since funding is already available and was not identified as one of the top priorities through consultation interviews, a wider net of funding was allocated to the development of affordable rental housing and supportive services. After reviewing the request and the originally proposed budget allocation, the County decided to maintain its proposed budget as the development of affordable rental housing and supportive services was recognized as a higher priority.

Summarize any comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why:

No comments or recommendations were not accepted during the public participation process.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

In accordance with Section V.C.1 of the Notice (page 14), a PJ must evaluate the size and demographic composition of all four of the qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of each of those populations. If the PJ does not evaluate the needs of one of the qualifying populations, then the PJ has not completed their Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis. In addition, a PJ must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A PJ should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services.

Homeless Needs Inventory and Gaps Analysis Table

ES: Emergency Shelter
 PSH: Permanent Supportive Housing
 RRH: Rapid Re-Housing
 TH: Transitional Housing

Proj. Type	Organization Name	Project Name	Subpopulation	PIT Count	Total Beds
ES	Bergen County Dept. of Human Services	Bergen's Place		2	11
ES	Bergen County Board of Social Services	BCBSS HEARTS ESG-CV Family Shelter		17	17
ES	Bergen County Housing Health and Human Service Center	Emergency Shelter		42	76
ES	Bergen County Housing Health and Human Service Center	Seasonal Shelter		10	7
ES	Center for Hope and Safety	Emergency Shelter		40	40
ES	Community Hope	Community Hope SSVF Hotel Motel NPP		6	6
ES	Family Promise of Bergen County	Family Promise Emergency Shelter		3	14
			ES Need	120	171
PSH	Advance Housing	AAH Supportive Housing		20	20
PSH	Advance Housing	HoSt Expansion		9	10
PSH	Advance Housing	HoST Program		14	17
PSH	Advance Housing	McKinney Fairview/Heath		8	9
PSH	Bergen County Dept. of Human Services	Family Guidance		8	7
PSH	Greater Bergen Community Action	Independence Hall		8	8
PSH	Housing Authority of Bergen County	Housing Works II		10	10
PSH	Housing Authority of Bergen County	Housing Works IV		92	100
PSH	NJ Buddies	Buddies NJ HOPWA Vouchers		38	38
PSH	NJ Buddies	Harrison House		12	6
PSH	NJPHA-VA	HUD VASH		81	81
PSH	Vantage	Closter		2	3
PSH	Vantage	Cresskill		14	15
PSH	Vantage	Links I		4	9
PSH	Vantage	Links II		4	4
PSH	Vantage	Opening Doors		78	120
PSH	Vantage	Van Sciver		7	8
			PSH Need	409	465
RRH	Advance Housing	Advance Housing HoST ESG Rapid Re-housing		6	6
RRH	Bergen County Housing Health and Human Service Center	HDC Center ESG Rapid Re-Housing		16	16
RRH	CarePlus	Rapid Re-Housing for Families		26	26
RRH	CarePlus	Rapid Re-Housing for Individuals		11	11
RRH	Greater Bergen Community Action	DCA ESG-CV RRH - Greater Bergen - Bergen		2	2
RRH	SoldierOn	SSVF Rapid Re-housing		3	3
			RRH	64	64
TH	Bergen County Dept. of Human Services	GDP: A. Thomas Home for Vets		5	8
TH	Bergen County Board of Social Services	BCBSS HEARTS TANF Bridge Housing		36	55

TH	CBHCare	Newark	7	7
TH	CBHCare	Spruce Street	5	5
TH	Center for Hope and Safety	Transitional Housing	32	40
TH	Family Guidance	Visions	2	6
TH	Family Guidance	Visions FYSB	7	12
TH	Family Promise of Bergen County	Family TH Apartments	11	14
TH	Greater Bergen Community Action	Ladder	11	20
TH	Greater Bergen Community Action	PHASES	4	6
TH	Greater Bergen Community Action	Shephard House	6	12
TH	Vantage	Hille Place	5	5
			TH	131
				190

As of this writing, the most recent Point in Time (PIT) count is from 2022. The PIT count data is a single day and not truly representative of the number of clients actually served or in need of service. The inventory above was completed in January 2022 while all County shelters were following COVID-19 protocols. Fewer people were counted because of the reduced number of people that could be sheltered and a general reluctance to enter traditional community housing programs because of the pandemic and the risks associated with community housing options.

For example, on the night of the PIT count survey:

- The Bergen County Housing Health and Human Service Center had only 42 people sleeping there of the 76 beds available. On February 28, 2023, one month later, the shelter was sleeping 69 people. The occupancy increased from 55% to 91% in that short time, illustrating a need for additional beds;
- The Center for Hope and Safety shows a full 100% occupancy on the night of the PIT count, but they had several households in motel rooms due to a leap in client need;
- Similarly, several households were put in motels under a federal Domestic Violence grant that was not on any radar for the PIT count. It is estimated there are 15 households, a mix of singles and families, none of whom are in the PIT count but are now in that program;
- There are at least a half dozen people found unsheltered on the PIT night who refused to have anything to do with the PIT outreach volunteers and who are not included in the count.

Housing Needs Inventory and Gaps Analysis Table

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	125,505		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	13,249		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	36,169		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		22,745	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		15,500	
Current Gaps			38,245

Data Sources: Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS); 2020 Census Data

Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the PJ’s boundaries:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

In 2021, 11,867 households of 13,759 people presented themselves as needing assistance from the CoC, as recorded on HMIS data. Out of those households, 1,432 persons were residing in a space not meant for habitation (e.g., a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport, or anywhere outside); 3,048 persons were living in the home of another because of economic hardship; 396 persons were residing in a hotel/motel paid for without an emergency shelter voucher; and 1,603 persons were recorded as exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution). Based on this data alone, 6,479 persons, or 47% of the total intake by the CoC, meet the definition for this QP.

Those accessing the CoC are 38.8% female (5344 persons), 58.4% male (8,035 persons), and 13 persons identified as transgender. The largest racial subpopulation are identified as White (58%; 7,980 persons); followed by Black, African American, or African at 31%; 4,274 persons, and 21%; 2,971 of persons identified as Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x).

306 persons in 193 households were identified through the PIT count for 2022 as experiencing homelessness, an increase from the previously completed PIT count in 2021 (279 people). Because the PIT count represents only a single night during the last ten days of January, it is widely accepted that the PIT will undercount the overall homeless population, highlighting one reason the PIT count may not be the best indicator of needs in the community, but rather as a certain number of persons who experience homelessness in Bergen County on a given night. It is possible that the increase in the homeless population in 2022 may be more significant than the 27-person increase from the previous PIT count.

In 2022, of the 193 homeless households in the County, 53 (27%) are households with at least one child under 18 and one adult. These particular households include 164 persons, including 104 children under 18 and 60 adults. The average family size is three persons. The age range most represented in the County are children 0-17 years old (106 persons, 34.6%) and adults between 25 and 34 (53 persons, 17%).

Those accessing programs for people experiencing homelessness in Bergen County are 47.4% (145) identified as male and 52.6% (161) as female. The largest racial subgroup of homeless persons is 36.6% (112) Black or African American. The next largest group self-identified as White (26.1%, 80 counted persons). Regarding ethnicity, 29% of counted persons identify as Hispanic/Latino. According to the 2020 Census, 5.3% of County residents identify as Black or African American, highlighting a disproportionate percentage of Black and African American individuals experiencing homelessness.

Of the 306 persons who are experiencing homelessness in the County, 12 persons are identified as chronically homeless. 100% of households experiencing chronic homelessness are single adults, 7 identified as male; 5 identified as female. Of the 12 persons identified as chronically homeless, 3 identified as White (non-Hispanic/Latino). Chronically homeless persons are those experiencing homelessness for at least a year, or at least four times in the past three years, where the length of time in those episodes adds up to a year or more, while also struggling with a disabling condition such as serious mental illness, substance abuse, or a physical or cognitive disability. Chronically homeless persons are generally the most difficult to move from the streets and back into housing.

Out of the 306 persons identified as homeless, there were 16 homeless veterans representing 8.3% of the counted adult homeless population. Homeless Youth (individuals and families with heads of households 24 years old or younger) represented 8.5% of the counted homeless population with 26 persons identified. 41.2% (126) of the total identified homeless population were survivors of domestic violence, representing the largest subpopulation group out of the chronically homeless, veterans, and youth. Many respondents were experiencing one or more of six disabling conditions: mental health issues, substance abuse, physical disability, developmental disability, chronic health conditions, and HIV/AIDS.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

This is a very broad demographic, some of which cannot be quantified with existing data sources; therefore, this estimate will be a combination of Census data and other data that can be used to make inferences and draw conclusions. According to the 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), there are a total of 45,550 Bergen County households that earn less than 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI). It is estimated that 38% of these households have one or more of the four housing unit problems: lacks a kitchen, lack plumbing, more than one person per room, and a cost burden greater than 30% AMI, making their need for decent, safe, affordable housing even more significant. From consulting with stakeholders, most housing problems experienced by these households are a housing cost burden, where more than half of their income is designated to paying for housing. Any disruption to income, including a

cutback in the number of hours worked due to illness or other reasons, can threaten the household's ability to pay its rent, and lead to eviction, and possibly homelessness.

Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice

Domestic violence is one of the most prevalent issues in the County and the nation. One organization providing domestic violence-related services, the *Center for Hope & Safety* based in Rochelle Park, NJ, sheltered a total of 222 adults and children in 2021, including 106 women, 111 children, and, for the first time in the agency's history, five men, for an average length of stay of 67 days. Pre-pandemic, the daily number of survivors residing in the program was approximately 30. As of December 7, 2022, that number had risen to 147, where at least 81 fleeing or attempting to flee a domestic violence situation required emergency shelter. This ultimately represents an increase of 170% from pre-pandemic statistics of survivors who are fleeing or attempting to flee a domestic violence situation.

Survivors are sheltered in the *Center for Hope and Safety* safe house and in local hotels to accommodate overflow and to adhere to COVID-19 protocols set by the CDC. Adults ranged in age from 18 to 60 years, and most children, at 44%, were under the age of four. During the pandemic, calls to the agency's 24/7/365 emergency hotline significantly increased by 25% due to victims being trapped at home with abusers during the lockdown. In total, the *Center for Hope and Safety* served nearly 1,300 families and individuals in 2021 through a wide array of programs and services, including its community services, legal services, and transitional housing programs.

According to the *Bergen County Alternatives to Domestic Violence*, similarly seeing an increase in the survivors served, the agency provided temporary shelter housing to 51 survivors, three of whom were men, with five survivors reporting a physical and/or mental disability in 2021. Of these survivors, 33% are Hispanic, and Black and White survivors share the same 27% of being provided temporary shelter. Most survivors (45%) tend to stay in case management for between 1-5 months, illustrating the need for additional supportive services, and added case managers to meet the increased demand for domestic violence service providers.

Data on human trafficking is very hard to come by with such an underreported crime, and the scant data that does exist measures different aspects. BCDCD has contacted several organizations and agencies that provide services to survivors of human trafficking, including the *Bergen County Prosecutor's Office* and *NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking*. At the time of this writing, size and demographic information does not exist in Bergen County for this QP.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability, as defined by HUD in the Notice

This category is similar to the "at-risk of homelessness" QP on the previous page, with the main distinction that it includes incomes up to 50% of the area median income. This is a broad group of people, some of which cannot be quantified with existing data sources, and, therefore, this estimate will be a combination of Public Housing Authority and Bergen County Social Services data to draw inferences about this QP. The County was unable to find any

demographic data as it relates to race/ethnicity/age/disability and other information as it relates to this QP.

Regarding Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness as defined by HUD, there is no conclusive source for the number of people that meet these criteria. In order to arrive at an estimate, BCDCD is using the following statistics to make an inference:

- Number of households placed in hotels/shelters in 2022 via Emergency Services Payments through the Bergen County Board of Social Services: 127
- Number of households assisted with Emergency Assistance placements and payments in 2022 through the Bergen County Board of Social Services: 265
- Number of applications received for Emergency Assistance benefits in 2022 through the Bergen County Board of Social Services: 1,011
- Number of County households receiving housing assistance through either tenant-based and project-based housing vouchers through the Housing Authority of Bergen County: 4,200
- Number of County households that are on a Section 8 waiting list to receive a housing voucher through the Housing Authority of Bergen County for the year 2022: 350 applications, of which 46% (161) were Bergen County households.
- Number of County residents that are on the waiting list for the Cliffside Park PHA: 268
- Number of County residents that are on the waiting list for the Edgewater PHA: 230
- Number of County residents that are on the waiting list for the Englewood PHA: 207
- Number of County residents that are on the waiting list for the Fort Lee PHA: 623
- Number of County residents that are on the waiting list for the Garfield PHA: 100
- Number of County residents that are on the waiting list for the Hackensack PHA: 1598
- Number of County residents that are on the waiting list for the Lodi PHA: 3,500

Based on this data, the County estimates that approximately 12,290 residents qualify for the “Other Population” category.

Also of note in Bergen County:

According to the 2022 Out of Reach Report, produced by the National Low Income Housing Coalition, the annual household income required to afford a two-bedroom unit at FMR in Bergen County is \$69,440. For a two-person family, that would be approximately 71% AMI. For a three-person family, that would be approximately 78% AMI. Additionally, the 2021 True Poverty Report, produced by the Poverty Institute at Legal Services of New Jersey, reflects that the high cost of housing for all family types, particularly in Bergen County, is a challenging issue for residents with limited resources. This cost is even more exacerbated when counting an adult

with a toddler and a school-aged child, rising up to a monthly costs average of \$1,703, an increase of \$251 than if it were two adults residing in the household.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Given the snapshot limitation of the PIT count, Bergen County uses HMIS data to count the annual homeless population more accurately. During 2021, Bergen County's HMIS reported 13,759 people who experienced homelessness. At some time during that year, 13,759 people did not have housing, reflecting an unmet housing need.

Prior to becoming homeless, individuals counted in the 2022 PIT count lived with family or friends (44 households; 22%), in permanent housing (32 households; 17%), or were housed in an emergency shelter or under an emergency hotel voucher (26 households; 13%). For the PIT count, when asked if households would like to receive any services, 140 (39%) noted housing, followed by emergency shelter (90; 25%), and 29 households (8%) needed domestic violence services.

Of those experiencing chronic homelessness in 2022, the PIT counted 12 households with 12 individuals as chronically homeless. These individuals need continued access to broad and deep services provided by permanent supportive housing. The most common unmet needs cited among community members were the lack of affordable housing, outreach services, and case management.

Based upon feedback from homeless/at-risk of homelessness community-based organizations, homeless populations experiencing homelessness need the following:

- Development of permanent, affordable housing
- Continued access to emergency shelter and transitional housing at existing facilities
- Continued access to supportive services in the form of
 - Case management
 - Legal services
 - Mental health services and counseling
 - Health services
 - Housing stability case management
 - Financial literacy training
 - Job training

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

According to most recent CHAS data, there are at least 22,475 extremely low-income renter households (under or equal to 30% AMI) with at least one of four housing problems. This population has housing but is at risk of becoming homeless, especially as rents continue to increase across the County and eviction moratoria end. Currently, according to the 2022 Out of Reach Report produced by the *National Low Income Housing Coalition*, an individual must work

at least 88 hours per week on a \$13.00/hour minimum wage salary to afford a modest 1-bedroom rental home at fair market rate.

Any challenges, ranging from reducing work hours or unemployment to health issues or loss of services, are significant risks to these individuals and households becoming homeless. Those currently housed populations at-risk of homelessness need increased efforts to make clients aware of existing homeless prevention services that are updated regularly and the importance of early intervention. Additionally, this population needs continued access to emergency assistance in the form of rental assistance, utility payments, and other basic needs, as well as the need to develop more affordable housing options for this QP.

Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice

In the 2022 PIT Count, 49 homeless households with 126 persons were also fleeing domestic violence, and this is very likely a significant undercount. Of these, all households were housed in either emergency shelters or transitional housing. Given the undercount and rising rates of domestic violence driven by COVID-19 isolation, the unmet need for shelter and services is likely much higher than the current 120 shelter beds/units serving people fleeing domestic violence. As noted in the homeless needs inventory and gaps analysis table on pages 11-13, all shelter beds/units are occupied by people fleeing domestic violence.

In 2022, the *Center for Hope & Safety* provided shelter in their *Safe House Program* to 373 survivors (225 adults; 148 children), an increase of 151 from the previous year. Those who were able to receive shelter assistance from the *Center for Hope & Safety* identified as the following:

Latino: 49%
Caucasian: 44%
African American: 40%
Asian: 4%
Biracial: 4%
Native American: 1%
Other: 3%

Please note that the total exceeds 100 because some clients identify with multiple races.

Additionally, the ages of adults and children were recorded in the following groups:

Adults' Ages:

18-24: 11%
25-34: 33%
35-44: 34%
45-59: 19%
60+: 3%

Children's Ages:

0-4: 36%
5-9: 37%
10-14: 22%
15-17: 5%

Specific needs identified by DV service providers included the following:

1. Development of affordable housing. Due to the lack of available affordable housing, program residents are staying longer in the program, reducing capacity. As noted above, in December 2019, the average length of stay at the Center for Hope and Safety Safe House (Emergency Shelter) was 66 days. At the time of this writing, that number has increased to 91 days.
2. Supportive services to meet the heightened number of survivors served by the Safe House (Emergency Shelter) Program. Pre-pandemic, the daily number of survivors resided in the Safe House program was approximately 30. That number has grown steadily to 147 at the time of this writing and will likely continue to grow. Up to 45% of this growth includes survivors in need of emergency shelter who were not fleeing or attempting to flee a domestic violence situation. The others have, which is at least 81 survivors, representing an increase of 170% over the pre-pandemic number of 30. To meet the demand of services, at least two additional Safe House Program Full-Time Clinical Case Managers are needed.
3. The *Center for Hope and Safety* is exploring expanding its Safe House (Emergency Shelter) with non-congregate shelter units and has expressed a need for development funds due to the increased need for shelter units/beds for when the Hotel Aggregator Program, providing access to hotel rooms in response to the pandemic, stops operating.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability as defined by HUD in the Notice

The most recent CHAS data report 37,975 very low-income renter households (between 30%-50% AMI) who also have at least one of four primary housing problems. While this QP is currently housed and are not at the greatest risk of homelessness since their incomes are a little higher than extremely low-income households, these individuals face high housing instability in a rising rent environment. They are vulnerable to losing their housing if they encounter employment or health problems and do not have social networks that can provide them with help.

These households need more affordable housing and access to ongoing health and other services to reduce their rent burden and increase their housing stability. Healthcare assistance greatly benefits those at risk of housing instability who are also disabled or elderly in order to

help mitigate the challenges of either paying for medical or housing costs. Those requiring housing assistance to prevent homelessness or those at greatest risk of housing instability often need short-term subsidies such as mortgage/rent assistance to avoid foreclosure or eviction, as well as utility assistance to avoid shutoff or security deposits to allow new rental contracts.

Additionally, residents who are formerly homeless or are currently using TBRA may need additional assistance to continue for a short or long period of time. Funding existing services and housing assistance programs is important to the housing stability of these individuals and families. Consultation sessions also highlighted the need for continued, long-term case management and supportive services after financial assistance is no longer provided.

Identify and consider the current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing:

Bergen County Housing Health & Human services Center (Individual Shelter) is designed to serve individual persons who are homeless, individuals and families who are precariously housed, and others who require linkage to community services. The center also provides supportive services such as housing placement and support, one-on-one case management, and a wellness program that provides health education, medication management and review, health screenings, and immunizations to shelter guests.

HEARTS Family Shelter assists County families who are experiencing a homeless emergency to find and transition to live independently in the community. The organization partners with homeless families and community service providers in intense case management. The shelter seeks to rapidly transition families from a state of homelessness to a state of housing permanency and self-sufficiency.

Christ Church CDC seeks to provide individual advocacy, guidance and mentoring, address gaps in services, and foster dignity, achievement, and independence for each person that comes through their doors.

Housing Authority of Bergen County provides housing opportunities for low-income families and older adults. The authority is one of only a few developers who have been successful in developing multi-family rental housing for families with low and very-low incomes in Bergen County. In addition to their senior, disabled, and family affordable housing developments, they also administer the largest Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance program in the County and one of the five largest in the State. This tenant-based form of subsidy is targeted to assist the County's most vulnerable populations: low-income families, seniors, the disabled and those that are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Additionally, the HABC is the owner/operator of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Senior Citizen Activity Center in Hackensack, highlighting a commitment to not only housing an aging population but also provide for their socialization and nutrition in a community-based setting.

Care Plus provides comprehensive, recovery-focused integrated primary care, mental health care, and substance abuse rehabilitation services. Outpatient services are offered to adults

and children at a total of 49 sites, including three outpatient centers, ten residential facilities, offices at three local hospitals, and seven community offices, all located throughout Northern New Jersey. They are the only provider in Bergen County contracted by the State to offer a full range of primary health care services to adults with chronic mental illness. Emergency psychiatric service in the County is available ensuring 24-hour access.

Advance Housing extends the combination of housing, supportive counseling, and crisis intervention services offered to adults and underserved populations such as aging-out youth and dually diagnosed individuals. The center offers individual, family, and group therapy, as well as psychiatric services for the treatment of various problems such as anxiety, depression, trauma, anger, and interpersonal issues. Focusing on helping individuals experiencing mental illness symptoms and difficulties living in the community achieve and maintain valued life roles in employment, education, housing, and social environments, the organization offers community support services. Lastly, housing services are composed of housing quality inspections, property and facilities management, and managing rental subsidies. In addition to managing their owned housing stock, they also develop new projects that range from new construction to acquisition and rehabilitation.

Vantage Health System provides opportunities for wellness through integrated mental and physical healthcare, support services, and affordable housing. The organization provides the property management, operations and clinical support services to those living in transitional and permanent supported housing residences across Bergen County. Additionally, the Mobile Outreach Team provides in home services to those who reside in their own apartments, and assist clients on obtaining rental assistance, apartment search and set up, personal care services, and link to community services.

Alfred Thomas Veterans Home provides a safe place for Veterans to address the issues that led to their homelessness. Alfred Thomas Veterans Home is an 8-bed program open to both Veterans in need of mental health clinical services and/or Veterans needing a temporary place to reside until they can access apartments they have secured. *Community Hope*, the organization that operated the home provides the following intensive services: individual and group mental health therapy and counseling; transitional housing for three to nine months that typically ends in graduation to permanent housing; recovery services for individuals experiencing substance use and mental illnesses including depression, post-traumatic stress, anxiety, and other conditions; case management services that focus on veteran engagement and linkage to services and supports that promote wellness and recovery; access to employment opportunities, educational resources, career support services, and an on-site computer lab; individual and group counseling with clinicians and peer led support groups; legal support services; personal finance literacy; and permanent housing planning and housing navigation support.

Comprehensive Behavioral Healthcare offers community-based mental and behavioral services in Northern New Jersey. The types of therapy offered by CBH are medication treatment for alcohol abuse, psychiatric services, individual counseling, family counseling, group therapy, child therapy, and parenting skills.

Greater Bergen Community Action (Ladder Program & PHASES for youth) PHASES (Program for Homeless Adolescents Seeking an Environment of Stability) is a

supportive transitional living program for homeless youth ages 16-21. Individual case plans are developed for each resident, focusing on their education, employment, financial literacy, nutrition and health. The goal of this program is to reintegrate youth into their communities as functioning members of society. The Ladder Project is a professionally-staffed halfway house for homeless men, after they have completed a drug/alcohol treatment program. The services provided in this program are housing counseling; nutritional support services; employment services; healthcare services; life skills training; and mentoring.

Family Promise works to avoid the trauma of a family losing their housing through case management and community support; rental assistance, including security deposits; utility support; landlord mediation; housing location; and transportation-gas cards, bus passes, and car donations. When families have lost housing and reach out to the organization, they provide alternatives to shelter, including temporary hotel/motel stays; payments for rent arrears, security deposits; landlord mediation and housing location.

Center For Hope and Safety provides services and shelter to domestic violence victims in Bergen County. The Emergency Shelter Program is a safe and confidential housing 24/7, as well as basic needs for adults and children as they escape violence. Therapeutic counseling, case management services, court and legal assistance, advocacy, community resource referrals, job and housing searches, and Hispanic outreach are services provided. Additionally, the center provides children's services, transitional housing for clients and their children in five transitional residences across the County, and a Follow-Up Program to offer continued counseling, case management, legal advocacy, and community referrals to former residents.

Bergen County's Division of Community Development continues to prioritize the creation of affordable housing as an integral component of our programs. It uses CDBG, HOME, ESG and COC grant funding allocation to increase affordable rental housing opportunities through rental units constructed and rental units rehabilitated, provide supportive services for low-moderate income (LMI) households, homeless and those at risk of homelessness, also financial assistance, housing relocation and stabilization services to households.

Under Section IV.4.2.ii.G of the HOME-ARP Notice, a PJ may provide additional characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness in their HOME-ARP allocation plan. These characteristics will further refine the definition of "other populations" that are "At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability," as established in the HOME-ARP Notice. If including these characteristics, identify them here:

Based on stakeholder input, the County is adding people with disabilities, including but not limited to Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) to the "Other Populations" category. Given stakeholder feedback, the housing system does not provide sufficient housing and services at a scale that are adequate or appropriate for people living with IDD. Most often, this population is dependent on family or small group homes for housing and care, and are at greater risk of homelessness if their family are unable to care for them.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

Based on information from the feedback received by consultations and a review of the needs assessment and gaps analysis, including data from the 2022 PIT count and other available data sources, the greatest priority should be given to the production of affordable rental housing, including permanent supportive housing, and provision of supportive services, as well as TBRA.

Additionally, in no particular order, the following are priority supportive services needs for all QPs:

- Housing navigation services;
- Outreach services;
- Case management services;
- Education services;
- Housing search and counseling assistance;
- Legal services;
- Mental health services;
- Landlord-tenant liaison services;
- Services for special populations, including trauma-informed services;

Identify any gaps within the current housing inventory as well as the service delivery system:

The primary gap in the housing inventory is the availability of units for families at-risk of homelessness. As noted on page 13, there are only 13,249 units of affordable housing for the 22,745 households that need affordable units at 30% AMI. Additionally, all rapid re-housing beds were counted as being occupied in the PIT count, demonstrating a need for additional rapid re-housing shelters for families, individuals, and Veterans. There remains a high need for housing stability case management, outreach services, and additional supportive services for all homeless persons and households, including those who are at risk of homelessness.

The availability of housing units does not meet the needs of the QPs. There is a need for quality affordable housing units of multiple sizes in municipalities throughout the County, especially for extremely low-income households that are at-risk of eviction and homelessness. The lack of affordability leads to overcrowding and cost burden, which not only affect LMI households but even those households above the 80% AMI threshold. There is a need for immediate rental assistance to help those most at risk of homelessness and/or housing instability, as well as the development of quality affordable housing units of multiple sizes in municipalities across the County.

Explain how the PJ determined the level of need and gaps in the PJ's shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in the plan:

To determine the level of need and gaps, the County looked at both qualitative and quantitative measures. BCDCD determined the level of need and gaps from the 2022 Point in Time Count, Housing Inventory Count data, 2022 CoC HMIS data, 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), and U.S. Census data. As noted, the needs and gaps indicated by the PIT count is limited to one night, so BCDCD has relied heavily on HMIS data for an entire year (2022), as well as CHAS and U.S. census data in partnership with feedback and

on-the-ground insights from key stakeholders to determine the fuller level of need and gaps in the system.

Additionally, stakeholders expressed a range of housing needs from permanent supportive housing to affordable rental housing. Stakeholders expressed the need for a range of permanent housing, from permanent supportive housing to housing for those with disabilities who were not previously homeless. The County supplemented additional data from the Housing Authority of Bergen County and individual PHAs from throughout the County. There is a significant need for greater supportive services to high-need, vulnerable low-income families to help these QPs maintain their housing. The takeaways from the data analysis and stakeholders' input were incorporated into the needs assessment.

HOME-ARP Activities

Describe the method(s) that will be used for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors:

BCDCD will be administering the overall grant with project implementation managed by selected sub-recipient(s). Once the County has received the HOME-ARP grant award, the County will conduct an application process for a specified period to make it a more competitive process in awarding these funds. During that period, any organization, developer, subrecipient, or Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) is eligible to apply via BCDCD ZoomGrants application software. At the close of the application period, all applications received will be internally reviewed for completeness, eligibility, and their ability to deliver on the priority needs identified within this plan. Each applicant will also be reviewed for their ability to complete the project meeting all eligibility criteria.

Grant(s) will be made based on the applicant's project scope as it pertains to the outlined priority needs in this plan and the applicant's familiarity with utilizing federal funding and ability to comply with all federal and local requirements.

If any portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds are provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan because the subrecipient or contractor is responsible for the administration of the PJ's entire HOME-ARP grant, identify the subrecipient or contractor and describe its role and responsibilities in administering all of the PJ's HOME-ARP program:

No administrative funds were provided to subrecipients or contractors.

In accordance with Section V.C.2. of the Notice (page 4), PJs must indicate the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and demonstrate that any planned funding for nonprofit organization operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 2,000,000.00		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 1,000,000.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 5,819,838.00		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 1,556,441.00	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 10,376,279.00		

Describe how the characteristics of the shelter and housing inventory, service delivery system, and the needs identified in the gap analysis provided a rationale for the plan to fund eligible activities:

The proposed allocation is based on the priorities and recommendations that arose from the consultation sessions with stakeholders across the County, in addition to reviewing the community needs assessment by incorporating both analyzed housing and shelter data. A top priority identified in this process was the significant need for the development of affordable rental housing.

HOME-ARP investment in affordable rental housing will address the needs of some of the 13,700 individuals recorded from HMIS data who experienced homelessness throughout 2022. Developing affordable rental housing was highlighted by stakeholders as a means to provide opportunities for households who are at risk of homelessness or housing instability, as well as assist those who are homeless transition out of emergency shelters, allowing for more availability to those unsheltered persons who may need immediate shelter assistance. The County acknowledges that there is a need for more affordable housing but also recognizes the challenges of scarce funding resources to meet this need when coupled with the high construction costs and concerns amongst local residents when it comes to housing QPs.

Moreover, the County will continue to support organizations that provide supportive services to help program participants achieve self-sufficiency, as many of the families and individuals who receive assistance to mitigate homelessness or to flee violent circumstances require all-encompassing supportive services. Through our feedback received from organizations that work closely with QPs, the need for more outreach services, along with housing navigation services and case management services, was noted to be most of need, as demand for these services has increased since the start of the pandemic. TBRA will also address these challenges by providing temporary rental assistance and/or security/utility deposits to expedite the transition from homelessness or to prevent it.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

Estimate the number of affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations that the PJ will produce or support with its HOME-ARP allocation:

The Bergen County Division of Community Development estimates its HOME-ARP recommended allocation plan will produce a minimum of 16 units of affordable rental housing for QPs.

Describe the specific affordable rental housing production goal that the PJ hopes to achieve and describe how the production goal will address the PJ's priority needs:

The County proposes to subsidize the development of approximately 16 rental units affordable to households earning less than 30% AMI. This affordable housing production goal directly addresses the lack of affordable rental housing for this income category and qualifying populations.

Preferences

Identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project:

BCDCD will not provide preferences to any population or subpopulation.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

If the PJ intends to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds, the PJ must state its HOME-ARP refinancing guidelines in accordance with 24 CFR 92.206(b). The guidelines must describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt for a HOME-ARP rental project, including:

- ***Establish a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing to demonstrate that rehabilitation of HOME-ARP rental housing is the primary eligible activity***

Not applicable. BCDCD does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing.

- ***Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestment in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving qualified populations for the minimum compliance period can be demonstrated.***

Not applicable. BCDCD does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing.

- ***State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.***

Not applicable. BCDCD does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing.

- ***Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.***

Not applicable. BCDCD does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing.

- ***State that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.***

Not applicable. BCDCD does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing.

- ***Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable:***

Not applicable. BCDCD does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing.

Supporting Documents

1. HOME-ARP Certifications
2. SF-424, SF-424B, and SF-424D
3. Affidavit(s) of Publication
 - a. *The Record*
 - b. *Korea Times*
 - c. *El Especialito*
4. County Website Screenshot(s)

HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing pursuant to 24 CFR 5.151 and 5.152.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan --It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements contained in the HOME-ARP Notice, including the revised one-for-one replacement requirements. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42, which incorporates the requirements of the HOME-ARP Notice. It will follow its residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the HOME-ARP program.

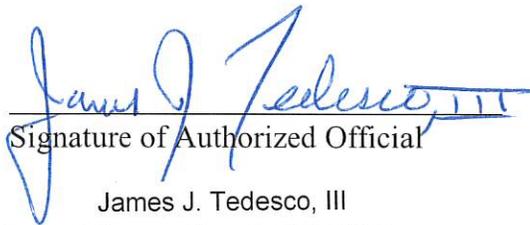
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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HOME-ARP Certification --It will use HOME-ARP funds consistent with Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) and the CPD Notice: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, as may be amended by HUD, for eligible activities and costs, including the HOME-ARP Notice requirements that activities are consistent with its accepted HOME-ARP allocation plan and that HOME-ARP funds will not be used for prohibited activities or costs, as described in the HOME-ARP Notice.


Signature of Authorized Official

3/13/2023
Date

James J. Tedesco, III
Bergen County Executive
Title _____

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- Preapplication
- Application
- Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- New
- Continuation
- Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

03/31/2023

4. Applicant Identifier:

M-21-UP-34-0211

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

Bergen County

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

22-6002426

* c. UEI:

P6J6NPHPF6D8

d. Address:

* Street1:

One Bergen County Plaza

Street2:

* City:

Hackensack

County/Parish:

* State:

NJ: New Jersey

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

07601-7076

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Administration and Finance

Division Name:

Community Development

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Mr.

* First Name:

Robert

Middle Name:

G.

* Last Name:

Esposito

Suffix:

Title:

Director

Organizational Affiliation:

Bergen County Division of Community Development

* Telephone Number:

(201) 336-7201

Fax Number:

(201) 336-7248

* Email:

REsposito@co.bergen.nj.us

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investments Partnerships Program

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

14.239

* Title:

14.239: HOME Investment Partnerships Program; HOME-ARP

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Bergen County HOME-ARP Program

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="10,376,279.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="10,376,279.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

- Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

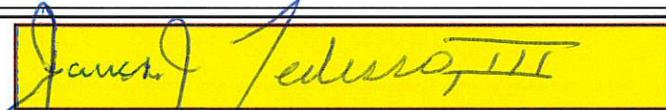
Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:
Middle Name:
* Last Name:
Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative: 

* Date Signed:

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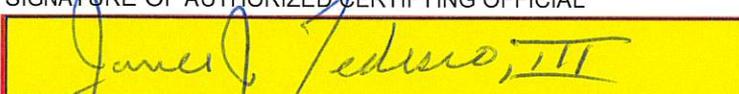
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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Linda Tuttle

Of full age, being duly sworn according to law, on his/her oath says that he/she is employed at North Jersey Media Group publisher of the The Record. Included herewith is a true copy of the notice that was published in the issue(s) dated on the following :

03/01/2023

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Subscribed and sworn before me this 1 day of March, 2023

Amy Kokott
A Notary Public, State of Wisconsin, County of Brown

6/30/2025
My Commission Expires

AMY KOKOTT
Notary Public
State of Wisconsin

PUBLIC NOTICE
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
HOME — AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DRAFT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

Bergen County was awarded \$10,376,279 in HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds in a one-time allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As a condition for receipt of these funds, the County must prepare and submit a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to HUD.

HOME-ARP funding will assist individuals or households who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will address the needs of qualifying populations through HUD-approved eligible activities. These activities include the development and support of affordable rental housing, provision of supportive services, tenant-based rental assistance, and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units that will further be outlined in the draft Allocation Plan.

The County will make HOME-ARP funds available for activities once the Allocation Plan has been approved by HUD, and a substantial amendment of the Bergen County FY 2021 Annual Action Plan has been completed.

Public Comment Period:

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan draft will be available from Wednesday, March 1, 2023, through Monday, March 20, 2023.

Copies of the HOME — American Rescue Plan draft will be available for public review and comment at the following location effective Wednesday, March 1, 2023:

Bergen County Division of Community Development
One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601

A copy of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan draft will also be available on the Bergen County Division of Community Development website at: <http://ps://www.co.bergen.nj.us/community-development/home-american-rescue-plan-arp>

The Bergen County Division of Community Development will accept comments on the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan draft via email at ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us and by phone at (201) 336-7209, or by U.S. Mail submitted to Nicholas Garcia at the Bergen County Division of Community Development at One Bergen County Plaza, 4th floor, Hackensack, NJ 07601. The deadline for comments to be received is Monday, March 20, 2023.

Public Hearing

Bergen County's current COVID-19 status is "Moderate." To comply with social gathering requirements, comments will be heard or received via Microsoft Teams. The public hearing will allow anyone desiring to comment to participate; all comments will become a part of Bergen County's HOME- American Rescue Plan. Written comments may be submitted to Nicholas Garcia at the Bergen County Division of Community Development at One Bergen County Plaza, 4th floor, Hackensack NJ 07601, or emailed to ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us. All comments must be received no later than Monday, March 20, 2023.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Public Hearing Details

The public hearing will be held on the following date/time with a meeting ID and passcode, as well as a call-in number and phone conference ID:

Wednesday, March 15 2023

5:30 PM

Meeting ID: 260 191 174 960

Passcode: sACIZT

Or call-in

Call +1 (469) 551-3591

Phone Conference ID: 697 515 723#

If there are any questions about how to access the virtual public hearing, please contact Nicholas Garcia at the Bergen County Division of Community Development via email at ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us or call at (201) 336-7209.

Translation and Disability Assistance

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It is the intention of the County to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If an attendee or participant at a public hearing needs special assistance beyond what is normally provided, the County will attempt to accommodate these persons in every reasonable manner. Requests for reasonable accommodations shall be made at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing by contacting Nicholas Garcia at the Bergen County Division of Community Development via email at ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us or call at (201) 336-7209.

James J. Tedesco III, County Executive

Thomas J. Sullivan, Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Record March 1, 2023

Fee: \$78.32 (89) 0005596104



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COUNTY OF QUEENS

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That the attached the PUBLIC NOTICE ad by New Jersey Bergen County Division of Community Development was published in The Korea Times New York, a newspaper published in the Korean language and of general circulation in the State of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, in the following issue: March 1st, 2023, and that the attached newspaper clipping is a true and correct copy of said published notice.

Signed: 

Sworn to before me this 2nd day of March 2023.

ANN JUN
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01JU6093064
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires May 27, 2023



Notary Public in and for Queens County, New York

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뉴저지 버겐 카운티

HOME - 미국 구제계획(American Rescue Plan) 초안

시민 여론 수렴 기간 및 공청회

버겐카운티는 미 주택도시개발부(HUD)로부터 HOME-미국 구제계획(ARP) 기금으로 \$10,376,279를 일사불 금액으로 배당 받았습니다. 이 기금 수령에 대한 조건으로 당 카운티는 HOME-ARP 할당 계획을 준비하여 HUD에 제출해야 합니다.

HOME-ARP 자금은 무주택 가구 감소 및 주택 안정성 증대를 도모하기 위하여 무주택자 또는 무주택자가 될 위기에 처해 있는 사람과 가구 그리고 여타 취약집단을 지원하는데 쓰일 것입니다. HOME-ARP 할당 계획은 HUD에서 승인한 해당 활동을 통하여 자격조건에 맞는 주민의 필요사항을 해결할 것입니다. 이들 활동은 자가 임대주택 개발 및 지원, 지원 서비스 제공, 세입자 가반 렌트 보조, 개발 주거(non-congregate shelter) 세대의 매입 및 개발 등으로, 그 개요는 할당 계획 초안에 추가적으로 서술될 것입니다.

당 카운티는 할당 계획이 HUD의 승인을 얻고 버겐 카운티 2021 회계연도의 연간 실행계획의 실질적인 개정이 완료되면 HOME-ARP 자금 사용이 가능하도록 조치할 것입니다.

시민 여론 수렴 기간: The HOME-ARP 할당 계획의 초안은 2023년 3월1일 (수) - 2023년 3월20일 (월) 사이에 열람하실 수 있습니다.

HOME-ARP 초안은 2023년 3월 1일 (수) 부터 다음 장소에서 사본의 공개열람 및 의견 제출이 가능합니다:

Bergen County Division of Community Development
One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601

HOME-ARP 할당 계획의 초안은 또 버겐 카운티 지역사회 개발국의 웹사이트에서 열람하실 수 있습니다:
<https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/community-development/home-american-rescue-plan-am>

HOME-ARP 할당 계획 초안에 대한 의견은 이메일 (ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us) 또는 전화(201-336-7209)로 버겐 카운티 지역사회 개발국에 제출하시거나, 우편으로 다음 주소에 담당자 앞으로 보내셔도 됩니다.
Nicholas Garcia, Bergen County Division of Community Development, One Bergen County Plaza, 4th floor, Hackensack, NJ 07601. 의견 제출 마감은 2023년 3월20일 월요일입니다.

공청회

버겐 카운티의 현재 COVID-19 경보 수준은 "보통(moderate)"입니다. 사적 모임 요건에 준하여 의견은 Microsoft Teams를 통하여 청취 및 접수합니다. 참여를 원하시는 분은 누구든지 공청회에 참여하실 수 있습니다. 의견은 모두 버겐 카운티의 HOME-미국구제계획의 일부가 될 것입니다. 서면 의견은 우편으로 Nicholas Garcia 앞으로 Bergen County Division of Community Development, One Bergen County Plaza, 4th floor, Hackensack, NJ 07601로 보내시거나, 이메일(ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us)로 보내셔도 됩니다. 의견은 모두 2023년 3월 20일 월요일까지 접수되어야 합니다.

공청회는 다음 날짜/시간에 미팅 ID 및 암호, 그리고 접속 번호 및 전화회의 ID를 접속하여 개최됩니다:

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오후 5시30분

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반역 및 장애인 지원

당 카운티는 공청회 및 프로그램 정보에 대하여 통역 지원을 제공하도록 노력할 것입니다. 공청회에서 통역이 필요하실 경우 버겐 카운티 지역사회 개발국 사무소에 최소 48시간 전에 연락 주십시오. 지원을 요청하시려면 버겐 카운티 지역사회 개발국의 Nicholas Garcia에게 ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us로 이메일을 보내시거나 (201) 336-7209로 전화하십시오.

당 카운티는 모든 연에서 미국 장애인법(ADA)을 준수하고자 합니다. 공청회 참석자 또는 참여자들이 통상 제공되는 것 이외의 특별한 보조가 필요할 경우, 당 카운티는 모든 합리적인 방법으로 그들에게 편의를 제공하려 할 것입니다. 합리적인 편의 제공에 대한 요청은 버겐 카운티 지역사회 개발국의 Nicholas Garcia에게 하여도 공청회가 개최되기 48시간 전에 ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us로 이메일을 보내시거나 (201) 336-7209로 전화로 연락하셔야 합니다.

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CONDADO DE BERGEN, NUEVA JERSEY
HOME - BORRADOR DE PLAN DE RESCATE AMERICANO
AVISO DE PERIODO DE COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS Y AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

El Condado de Bergen recibió \$10,376,279 en fondos del Plan American Rescue (ARP por sus siglas en inglés) en una asignación única del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD). Como condición para la recepción de estos fondos, el Condado debe preparar y presentar un Plan de Asignación HOME-ARP al HUD.

La financiación de HOME-ARP ayudará a las personas o familias sin hogar o en riesgo de quedarse sin hogar, y a otras poblaciones vulnerables a reducir la falta de vivienda y aumentar la estabilidad de la vivienda. El Plan de Asignación HOME-ARP abordará las necesidades de las poblaciones calificadas a través de actividades elegibles aprobadas por el HUD. Estas actividades incluyen el desarrollo y el apoyo de viviendas de alquiler asequible, la prestación de servicios de apoyo, la ayuda al alquiler basada en el inquilino, y la adquisición y el desarrollo de unidades de alojamiento no colectivas que se describirán con más detalle en el proyecto de Plan de Asignación.

El Condado pondrá los fondos HOME-ARP a disposición de las actividades una vez que el Plan de Asignación haya sido aprobado por el HUD, y se haya completado una modificación sustancial del Plan de Acción Anual del Condado de Bergen para el año fiscal 2021.

Período de comentarios públicos: El borrador del Plan de Asignación HOME-ARP estará disponible desde el miércoles 1 de marzo de 2023 hasta el lunes 20 de marzo de 2023.

Copias del Borrador del Plan HOME - American Rescue estarán disponibles para revisión pública y comentarios en la siguiente ubicación a partir del miércoles, 1 de marzo de 2023:

División de Desarrollo Comunitario del Condado de Bergen
One Bergen County Plaza, 4o Piso
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Una copia del borrador del Plan de Asignación HOME-ARP también estará disponible en la página web de la División de Desarrollo Comunitario del Condado de Bergen: <https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/community-development/home-american-rescue-plan-arp>.

La División de Desarrollo Comunitario del Condado de Bergen aceptará comentarios sobre el borrador del Plan de Asignación HOME-ARP por correo electrónico a ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us y por teléfono al (201) 336-7209, o por correo de EE.UU. presentado a Nicholas García en la División de Desarrollo Comunitario del Condado de Bergen en One Bergen County Plaza, 4o piso, Hackensack, NJ 07601. La fecha límite para la recepción de comentarios es el lunes 20 de marzo de 2023.

Audiencia Pública

El estado actual de COVID-19 del Condado de Bergen es "Moderado". Para cumplir con los requisitos de reunión social, los comentarios serán escuchados o recibidos a través de Microsoft Teams. La audiencia pública permitirá a cualquier persona que desee comentar a participar; todos los comentarios se convertirán en una parte del Condado de Bergen HOME- American Rescue Plan. Los comentarios por escrito pueden presentarse a Nicholas García en la División de Desarrollo Comunitario del Condado de Bergen en One Bergen County Plaza, 4th piso, Hackensack, NJ 07601, o por correo electrónico a ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us. Todos los comentarios deben ser recibidos a más tardar el lunes, 20 de marzo 2023.

La audiencia pública se celebrará en la fecha y hora que se indican a continuación, con un identificador de reunión y un código de acceso, así como un número de llamada y un identificador de conferencia telefónica:

Detalles de la audiencia pública virtual de Microsoft Teams

Miércoles, 15 de marzo de 2023
 5:30 P.M.

Identificación de la reunión: 260 191 174 960
 Código de acceso: sAGIZT

O por teléfono

Llame al +1 (469) 551-3591
 ID de la Conferencia Telefónica: 697 515 723#.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre cómo acceder a la audiencia pública virtual, póngase en contacto con Nicholas Garcia de la División de Desarrollo Comunitario del condado de Bergen a través del correo electrónico ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us o llamando al (201) 336-7209.

Traducción y asistencia a discapacitados

El Condado se esforzará por proporcionar asistencia de traducción para las reuniones públicas y la información del programa. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina de la División de Desarrollo Comunitario del Condado de Bergen con al menos 48 horas de antelación si necesita asistencia de traducción para la audiencia pública. Para solicitar asistencia, póngase en contacto con Nicholas Garcia de la División de Desarrollo Comunitario del Condado de Bergen a través del correo electrónico ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us o llamando al (201) 336-7209.

El Condado tiene la intención de cumplir la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA) en todos los aspectos. Si un asistente o participante en una audiencia pública necesita asistencia especial más allá de la que normalmente se le proporciona, el Condado intentará acomodar a estas personas de todas las maneras razonables. Las solicitudes de adaptaciones razonables deberán realizarse al menos 48 horas antes de la audiencia pública poniéndose en contacto con Nicholas Garcia de la División de Desarrollo Comunitario del Condado de Bergen a través del correo electrónico ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us o llamando al teléfono (201) 336-7209.

James J. Tedesco III, Ejecutivo del Condado
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Funds must primarily benefit individuals and households in the following qualifying populations:

- Experiencing homelessness (as defined in [24 CFR 91.5](#))
- At risk of homelessness (as defined in [24 CFR 91.5](#))
- Fleeting domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking (as defined in [24 CFR 52003](#))
- Other populations with a high risk of housing instability (including highly cost-burdened low-income households, households who have moved two or more times in the last 60 days, and households living in a hotel/motel)

Eligible activities that may be funded with HOME-ARP include:

1. Preservation and Production of affordable rental housing
2. Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
3. Housing Related Supportive Services
4. Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS)

HOME-ARP Draft Allocation Plan

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